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FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT ROSS MUNRO STORY IN FEBRUARY 18 GLOBE AND MAIL.

QUOTE

QUESTION: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE STORY IN THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL REGARDING POSSIBLE US REACTION TO A CANADIAN DECISION TO CURTAIL NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO THE US?

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE: THE QUESTION OF NATURAL

GAS EXPORT POLICY IS NOW UNDER REVIEW BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, CANADA HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS REGARDING FUTURE EXPORTS TO THE US.

CANADIAN GAS EXPORTS CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THE SUPPLY IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE US. THE EXISTENCE OF LONG TERM, FIRM CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF GAS FROM CANADA HAS PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE PIPELINE SYSTEMS TO DELIVER THIS GAS TO

AMERICAN CONSUMERS. OBVIOUSLY, A DECISION BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO CURTAIL DELIVERIES UNDER THESE CONTRACTS WOULD BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE, AND WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULT SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN THESE REGIONS. THIS WOULD BE A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN. WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL AND ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADA IF SUCH A DECISION WERE BEING CONTEMPLATED.

IF ASKED QUESTION: WHAT MEASURES WOULD THE ADMINISTRATION TAKE IN THE EVENT GAS EXPORTS WERE REDUCED?

SUGGESTED RESPONSE: WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THIS IN A HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION.
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